from Trivium - *Ascendancy*

# Gunshot to the Head of Trepidation

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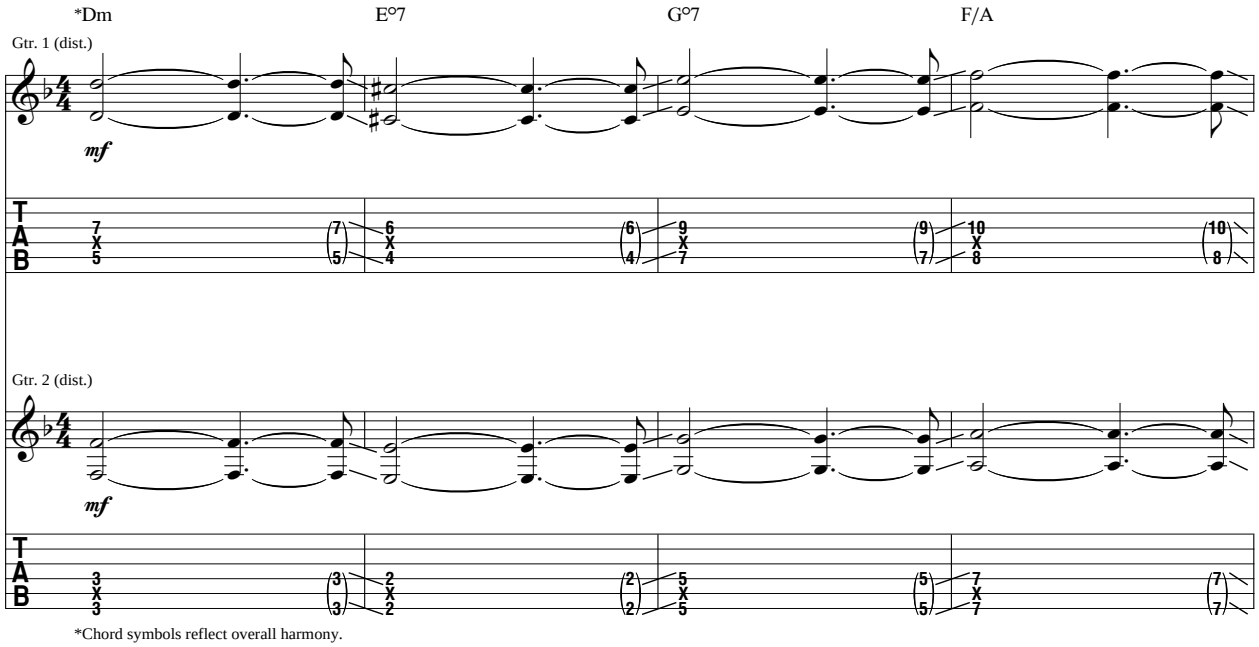
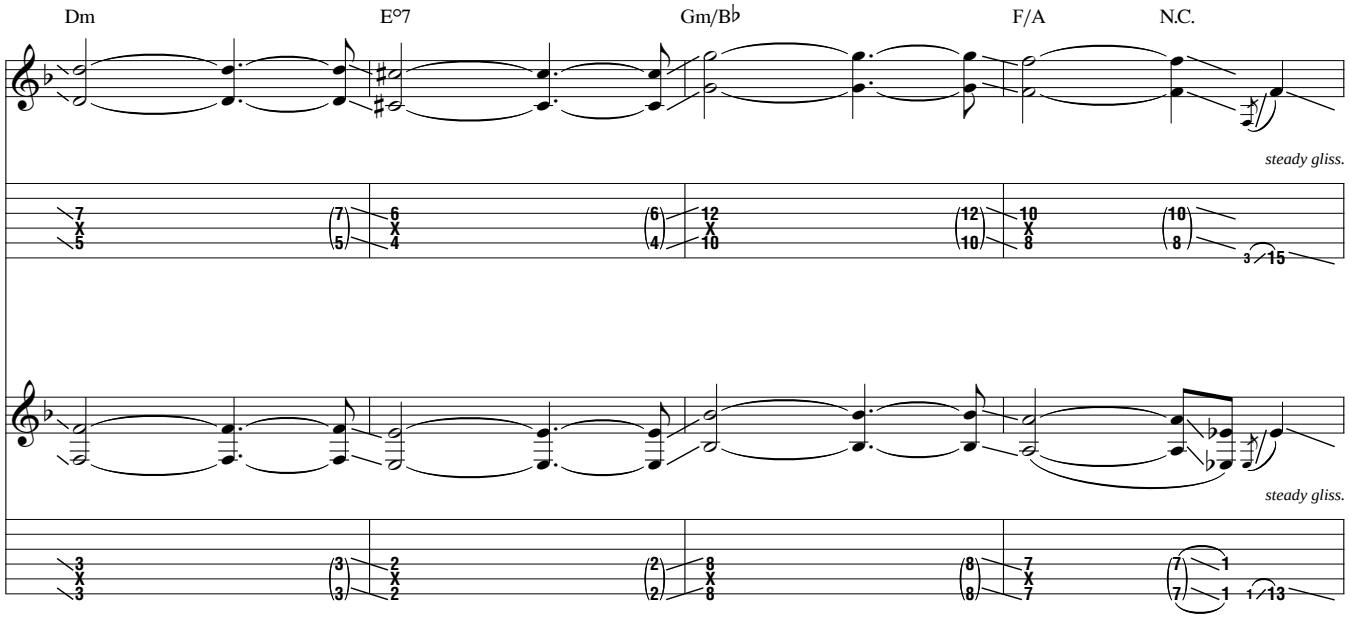
Drop D tuning:
(low to high) D-A-D-G-B-E

**Intro**
**Moderately** ♩ = 117




*Chord symbols reflect overall harmony.

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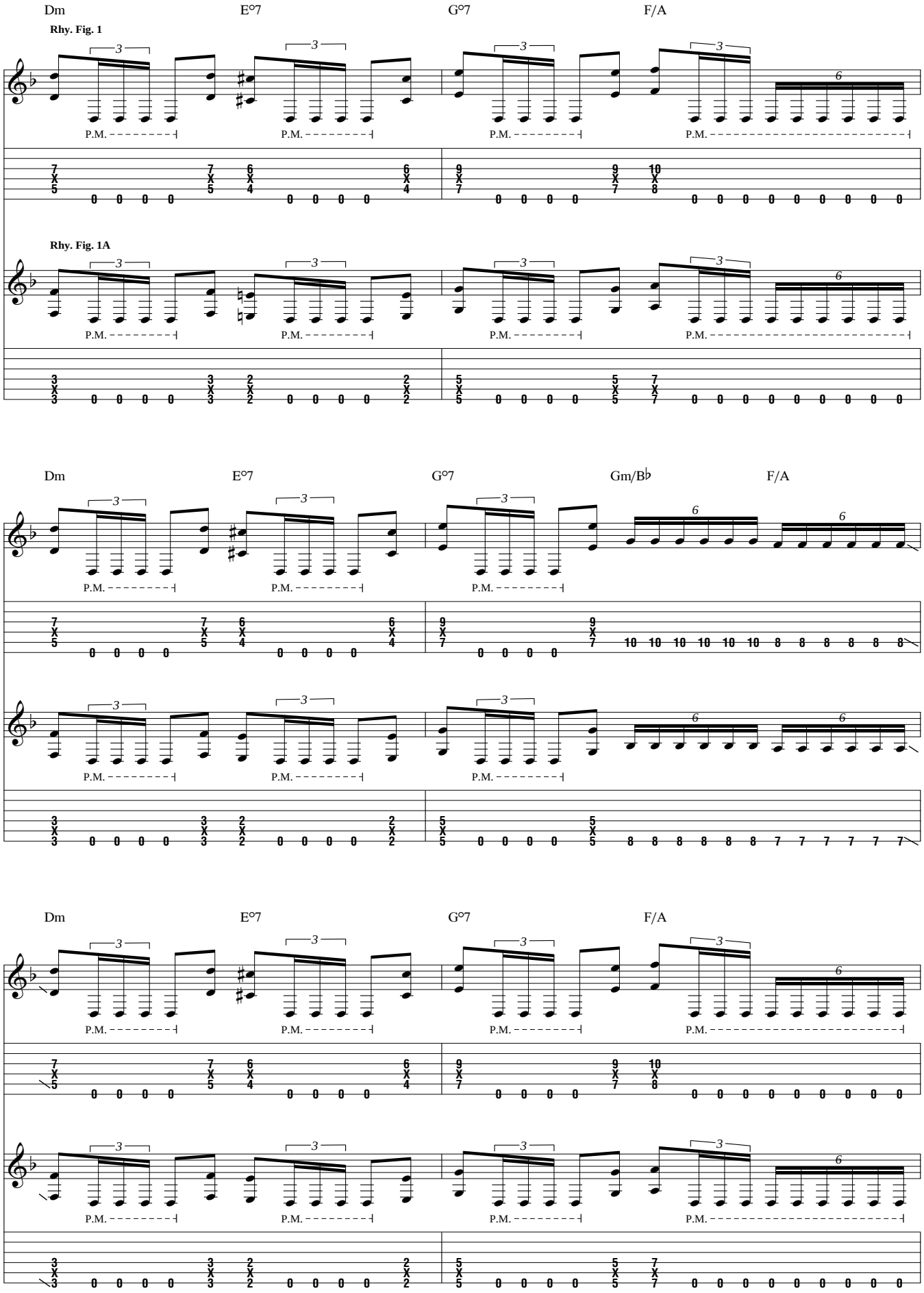




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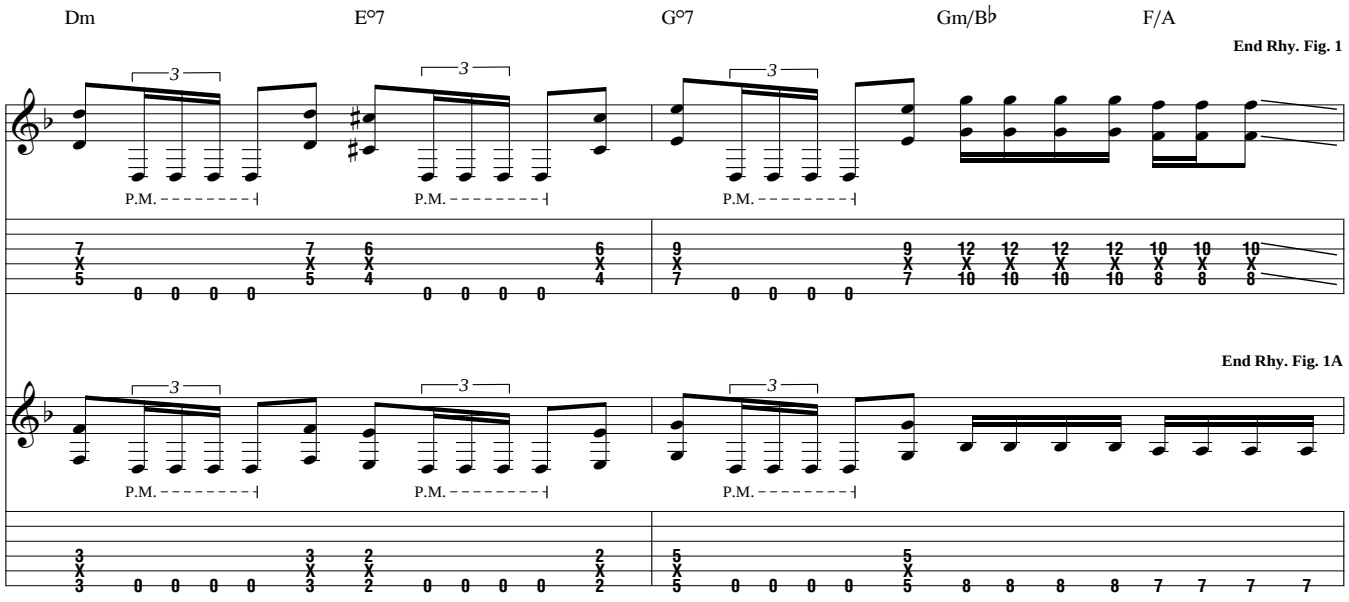


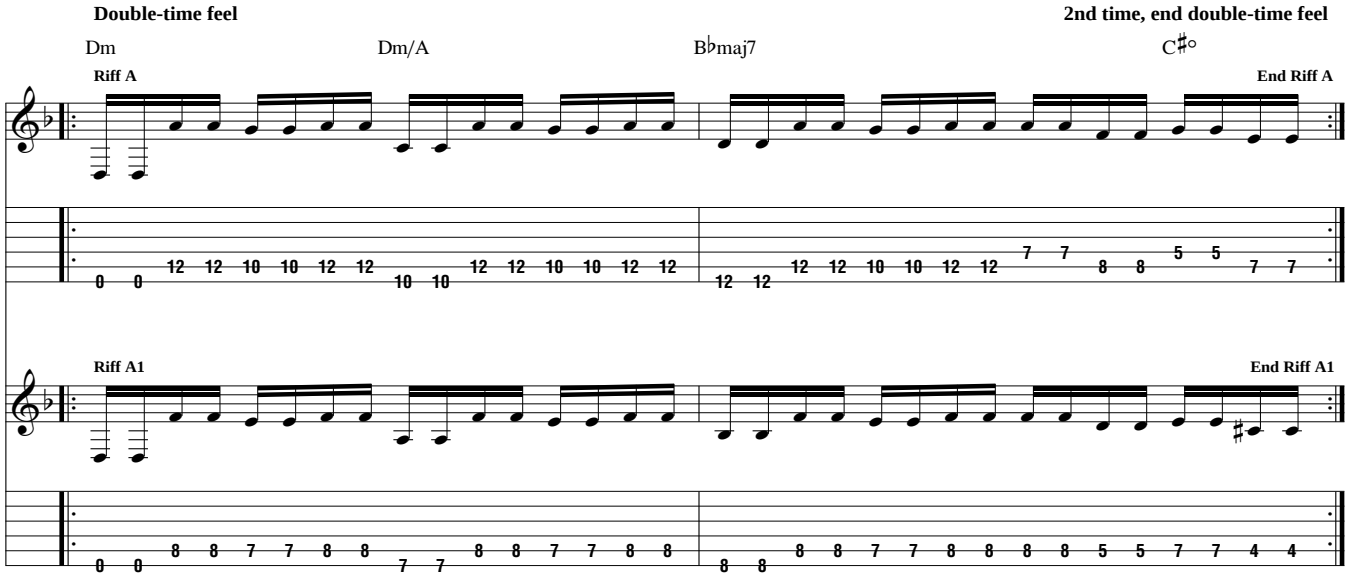


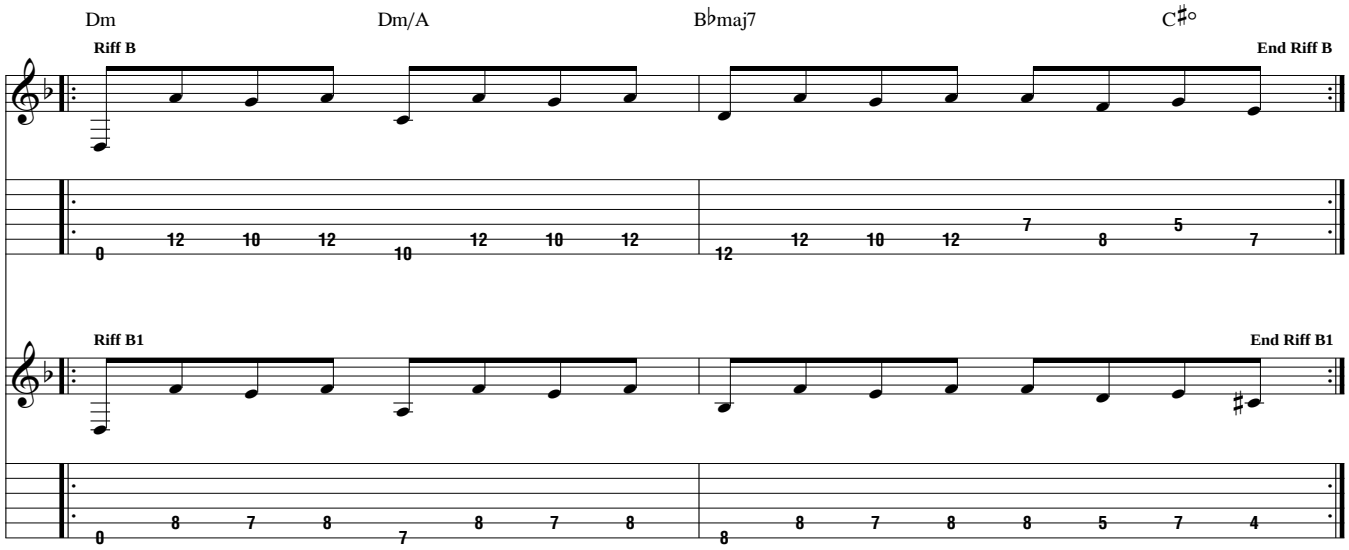




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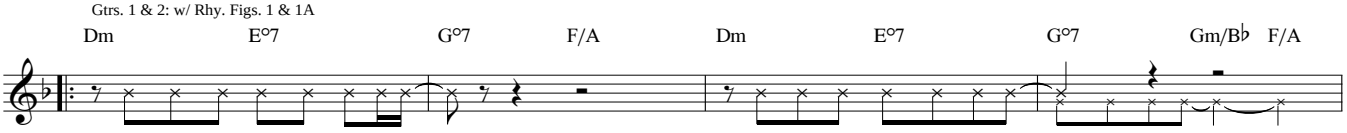
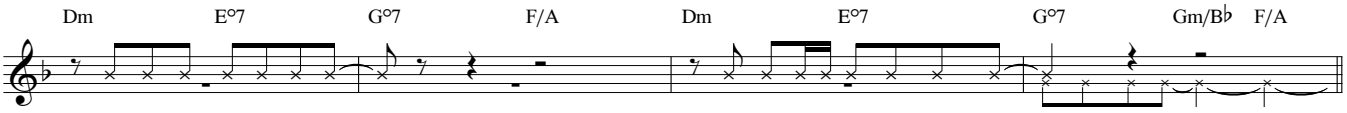
**Verse**

Gtrs. 1 & 2: w/ Rhy. Figs. 1 & 1A




1. *Screamed:* You starve your chil - dren on ne-glect,
3. *Screamed:* Just look at these scars you make.

then feed their bel - lies with fear.
1. (*Screamed:* Bel - lies with fear.
Your ter - ror makes your kids break.
3. (*Screamed:* Makes your kids break.)



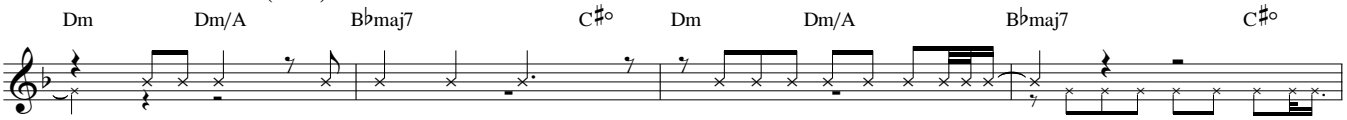

Con-cus-sion, bat to the brain,
A bro-ken home, just as you were raised,

wit-ness to a bat-tered moth - er.
bat-tered moth-er.)
with fist raised up to your chil - dren.

**Verse**

**Double-time feel** **End double-time feel**

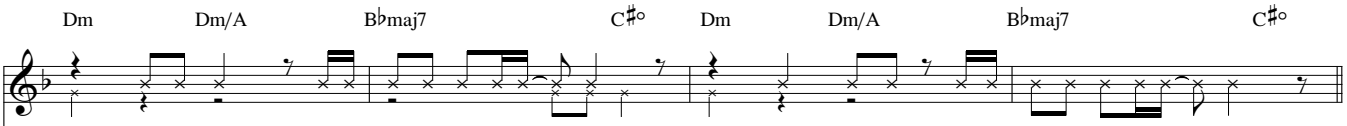
Gtrs. 1 & 2: w/ Riffs A & A1 (2 times)




2., 4. Your a - buse will end right here.

No long-er will your fam - i - ly fear.
(No long-er will your fam - i - ly

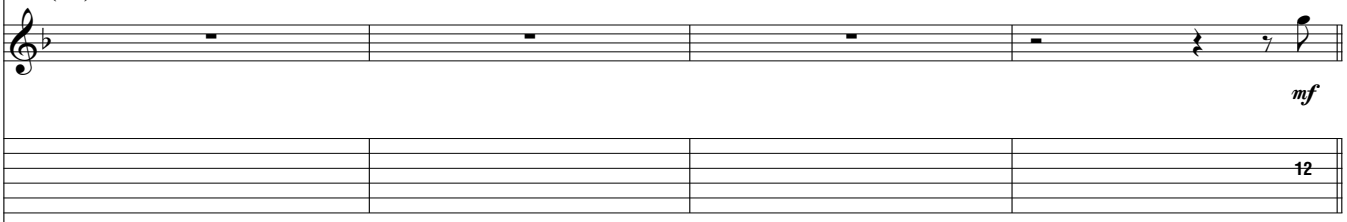
Gtrs. 1 & 2: w/ Riffs B & B1 (2 times)



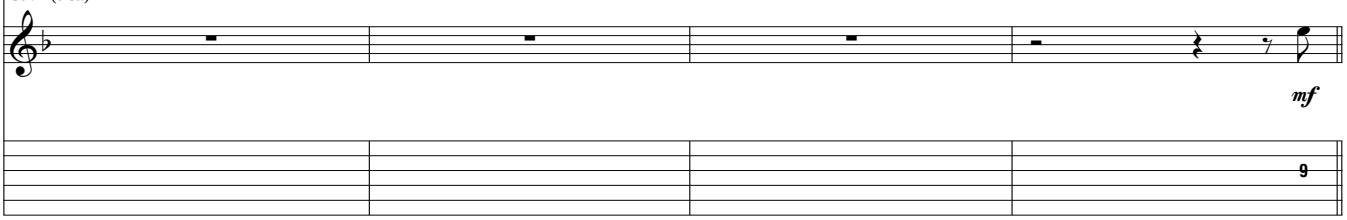

A gun-shot to the head of trep - i - da - tion,
fear.

my prom-ise if you ev - er lay a fin - ger.
Trep - i - da - tion.)

Gtr. 3 (dist.)




Gtr. 4 (dist.)



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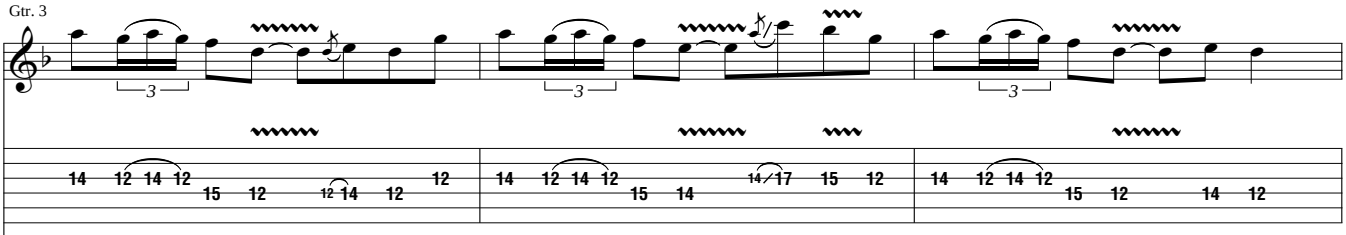
**Interlude**

D5 G5 A5

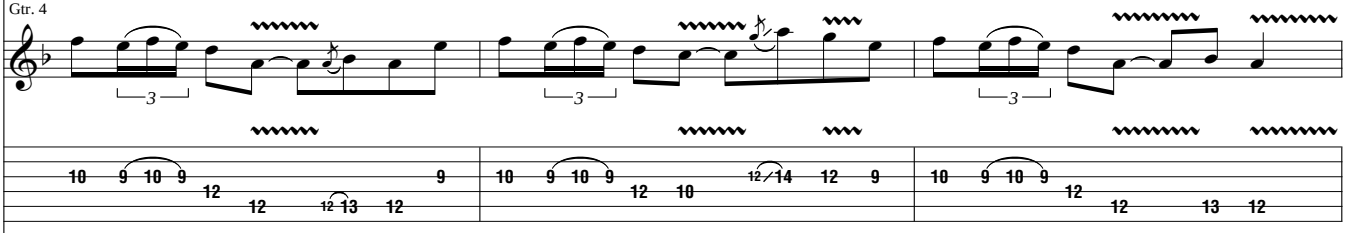
**Riff C**

Gtr. 3



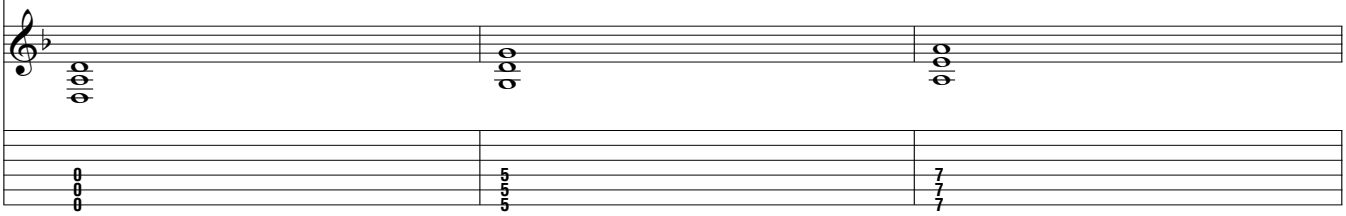
**Riff C1**

Gtr. 4



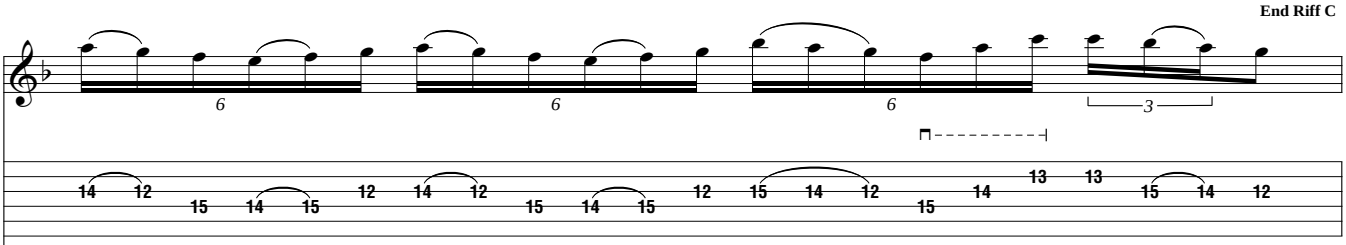
**Rhy. Fig. 2**

Gtrs. 1 & 2

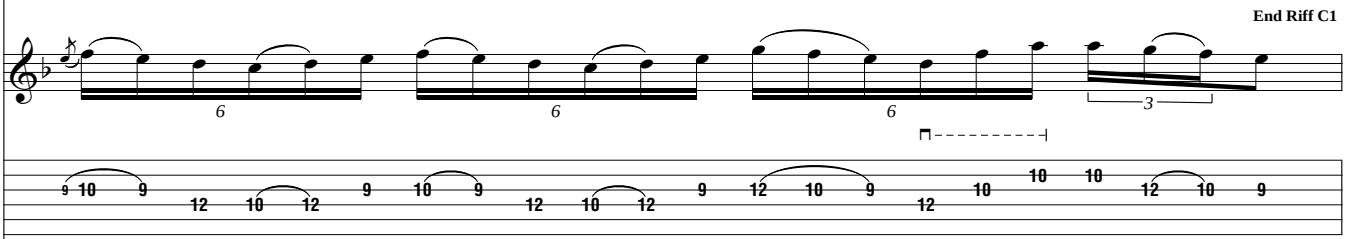


B♭5 F5 C/E

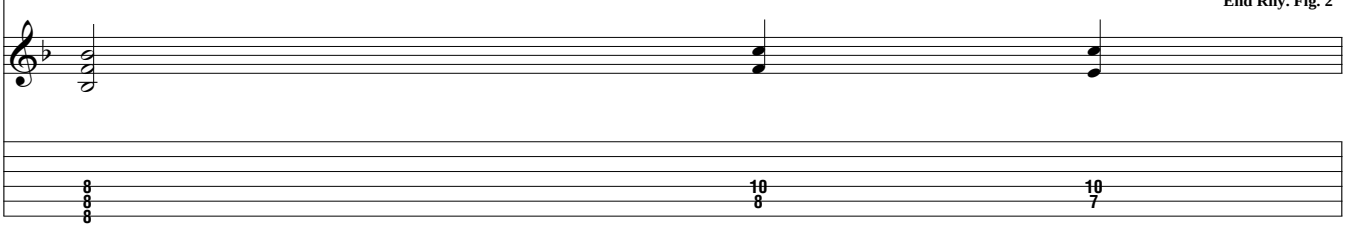
**End Riff C**



**End Riff C1**



**End Rhy. Fig. 2**





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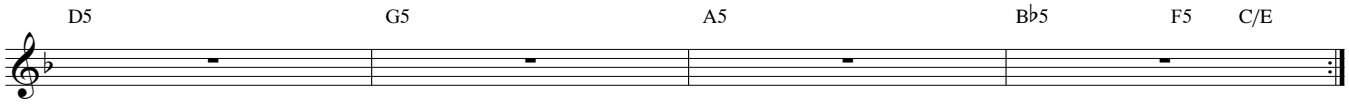
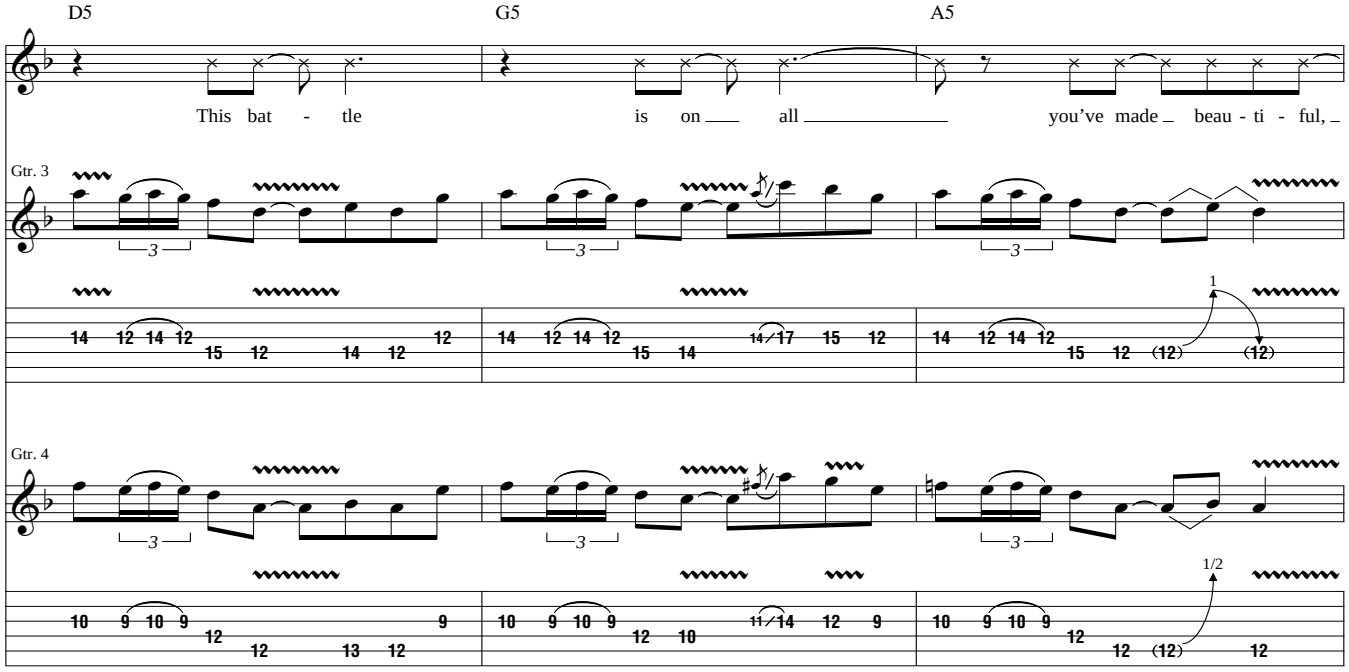
Gtrs. 1 & 2: w/ Rhy. Fig. 2
Gtrs. 3 & 4: w/ Riffs C & C1



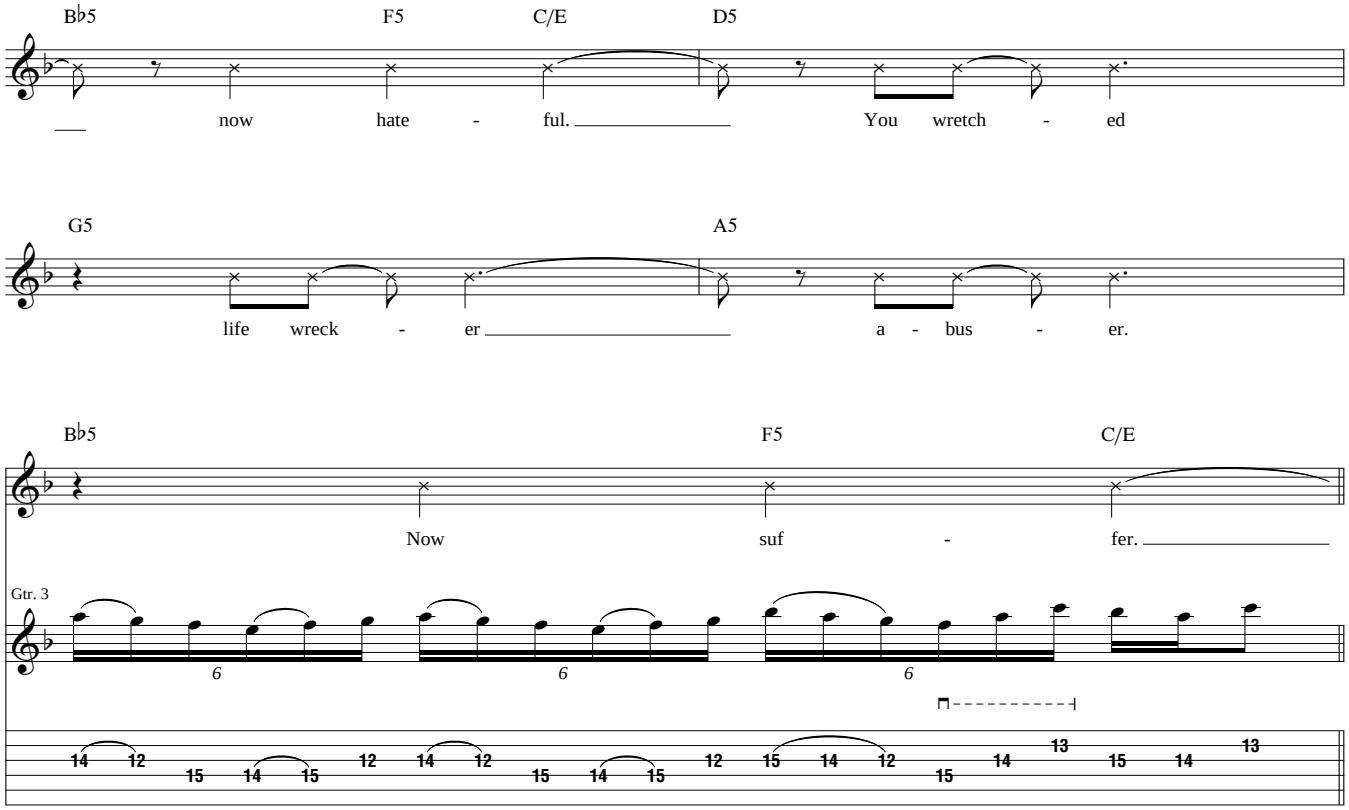

**Pre-Chorus**

Gtrs. 1 & 2: w/ Rhy. Fig. 2 (2 times)




Gtrs. 3 & 4: w/ Riffs C & C1 (last meas.)

Gtr. 3: w/ Riff C (1st 3 meas.)
Gtr. 4: w/ Riff C1



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**Chorus**

**Faster** ♩ = 145

B♭5 C5 D5 B♭5 C5 G5 A5 F5

…on the de - sire of the man.

**Voc. Fig. 1**

(O - pen fire...

**Rhy. Fig. 3** **End Rhy. Fig. 3**

Gtrs. 1 & 2

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

Gtrs. 1 & 2: w/ Rhy. Fig. 3 (3 times)

B♭5 C5 D5 B♭5 C5 G5 A5 F5

With strife we'll strike down the hand. If

O - pen fire.

**Half-time feel**

B♭5 C5 D5 B♭5 C5 G5 A5 F5

I can't make you see the dam - age you've made, I'll

O - pen fire. Build the pyre.

**1st time, end half-time feel**

B♭5 C5 D5 B♭5 C5 G5 A5 F5

make you wish you'd nev - er been a - live.

**End Voc. Fig. 1**

O - pen fire. Build the pyre.)



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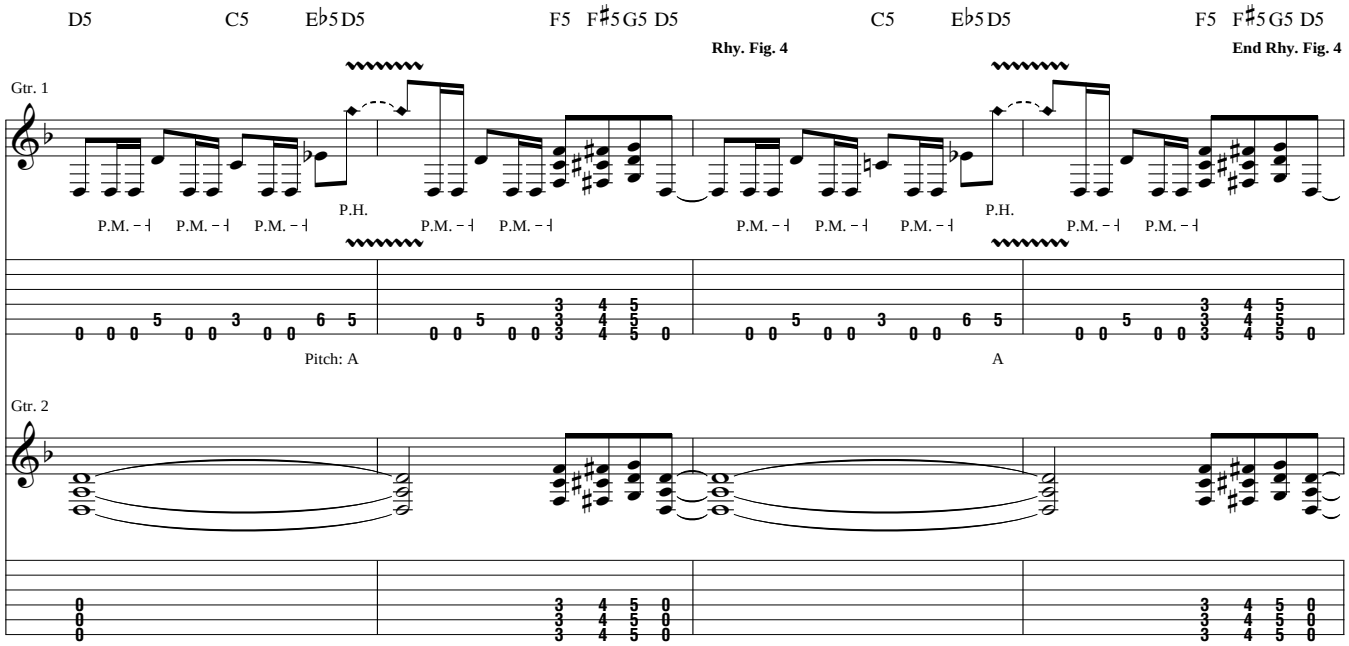
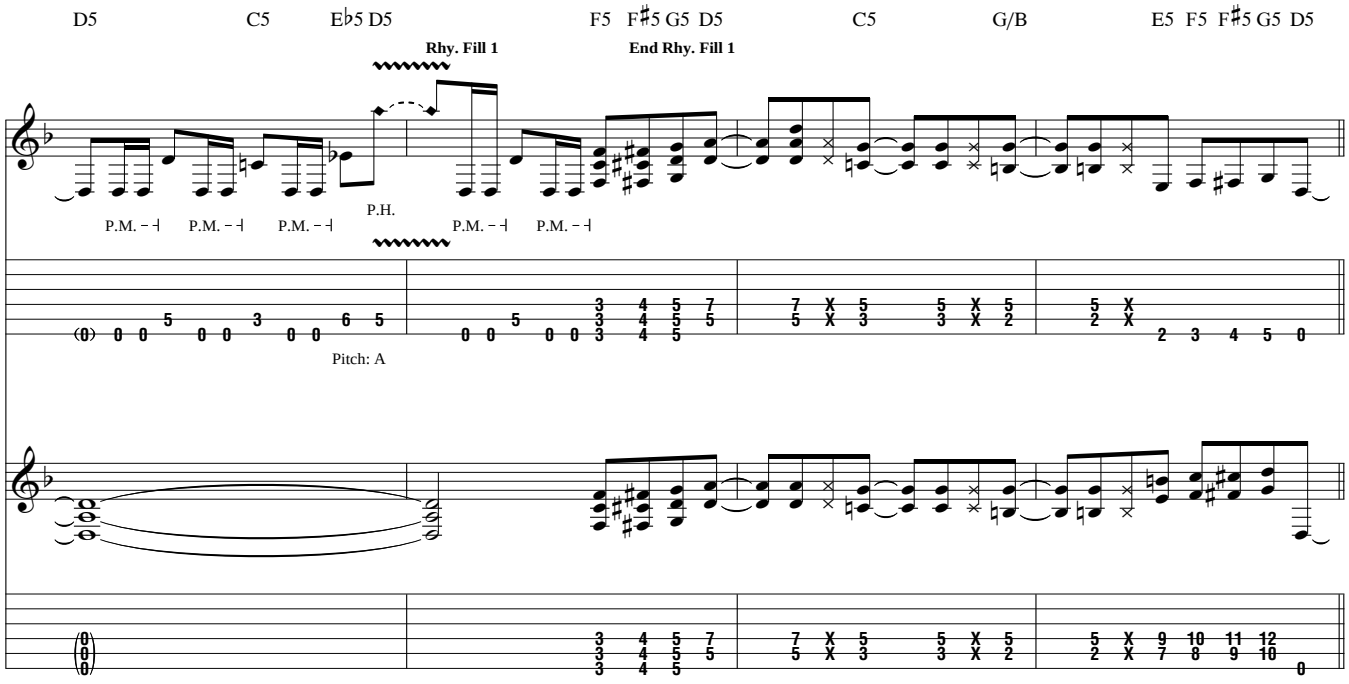
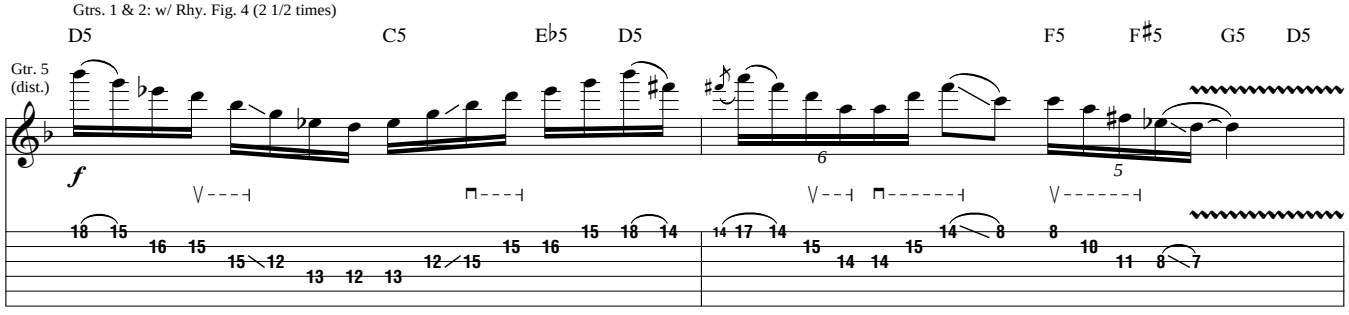
**Interlude**




**Guitar Solo**

Gtrs. 1 & 2: w/ Rhy. Fig. 4 (2 1/2 times)



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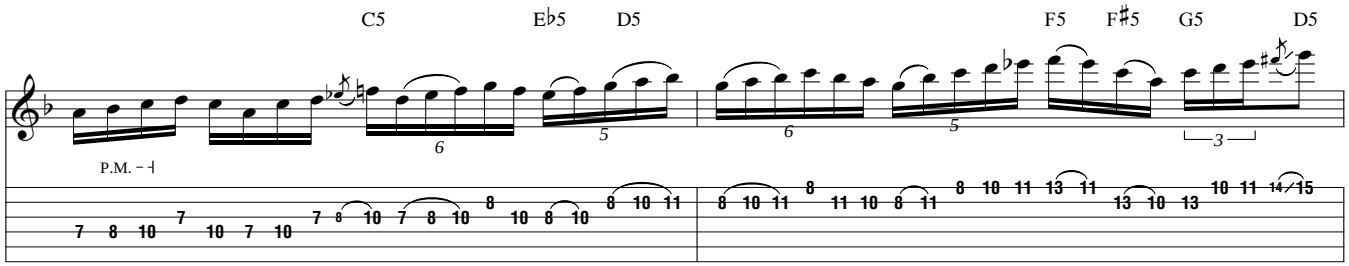


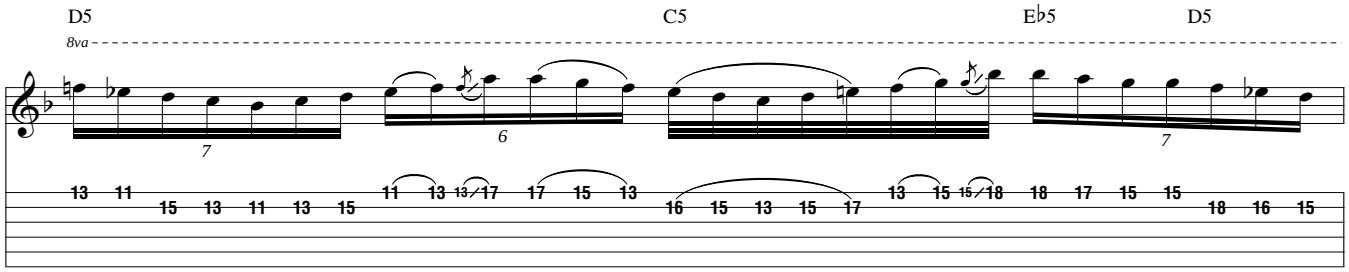


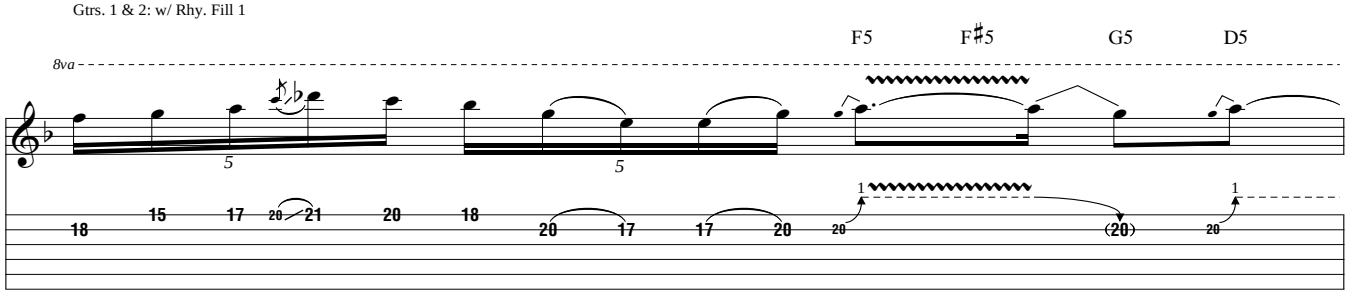


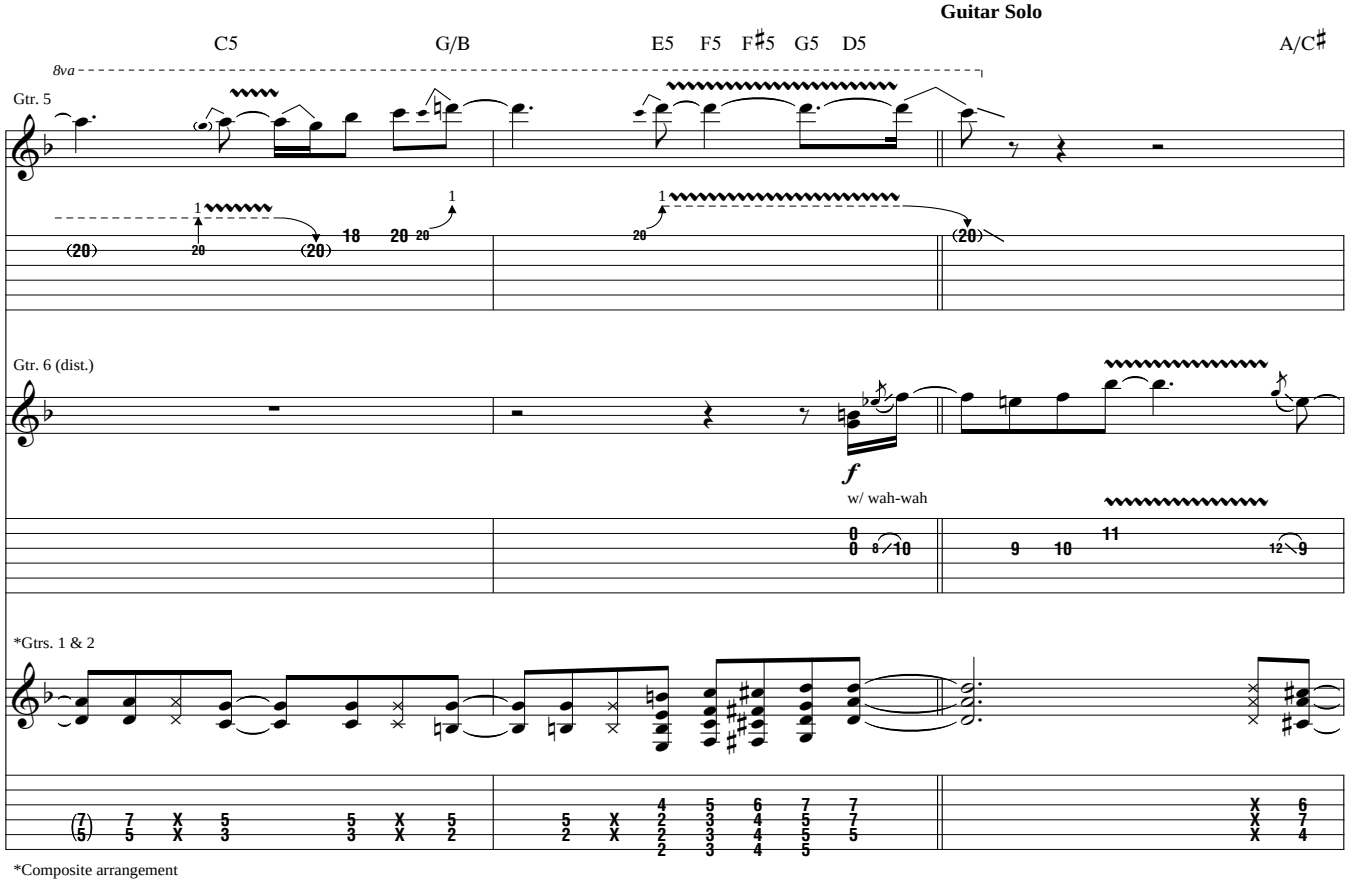


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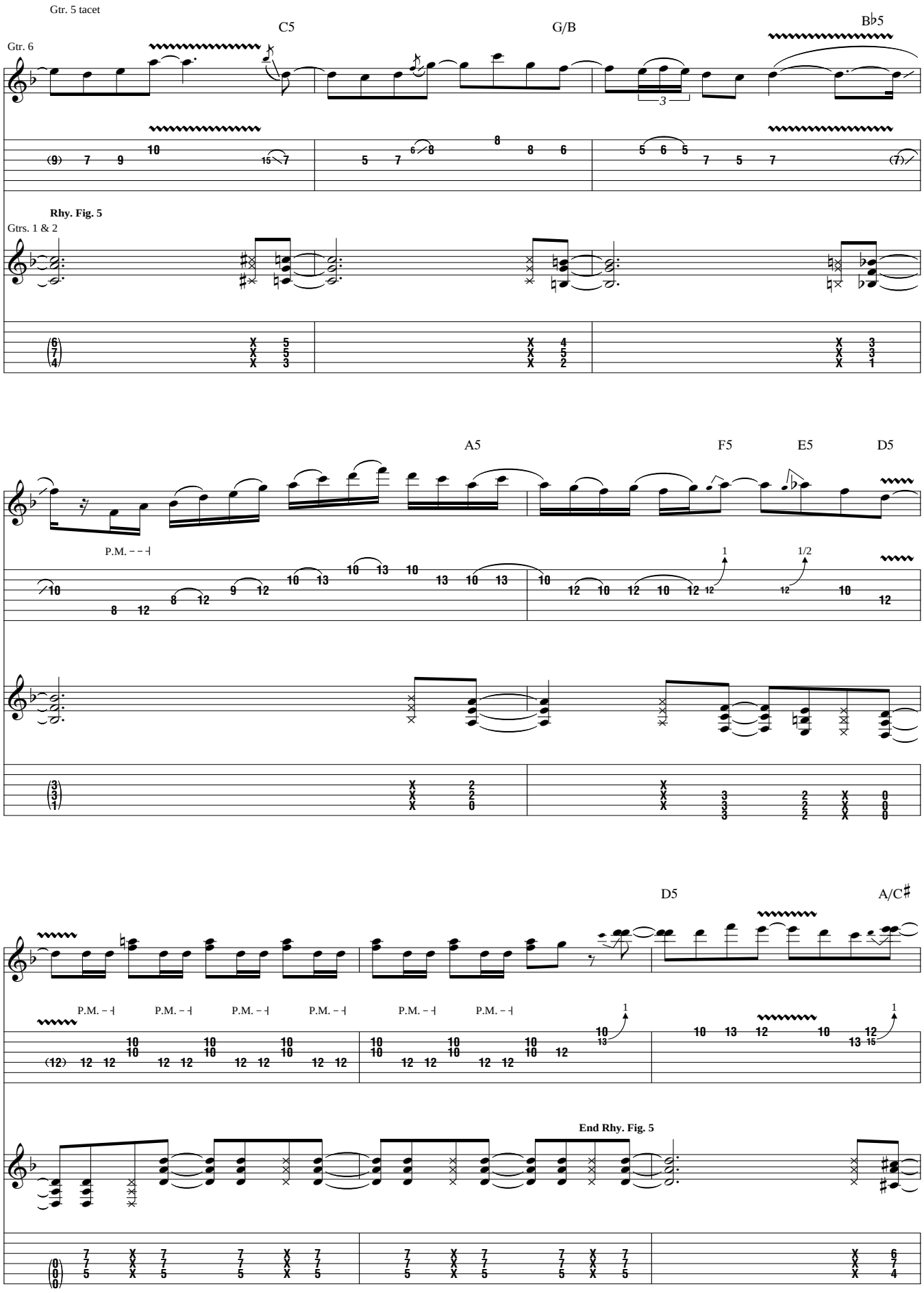




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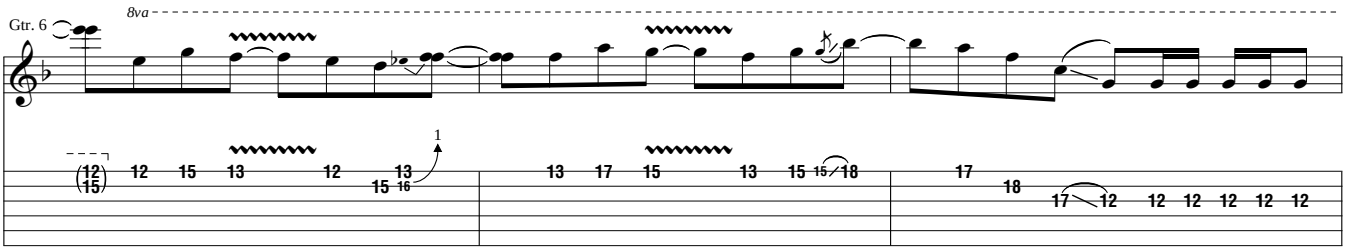
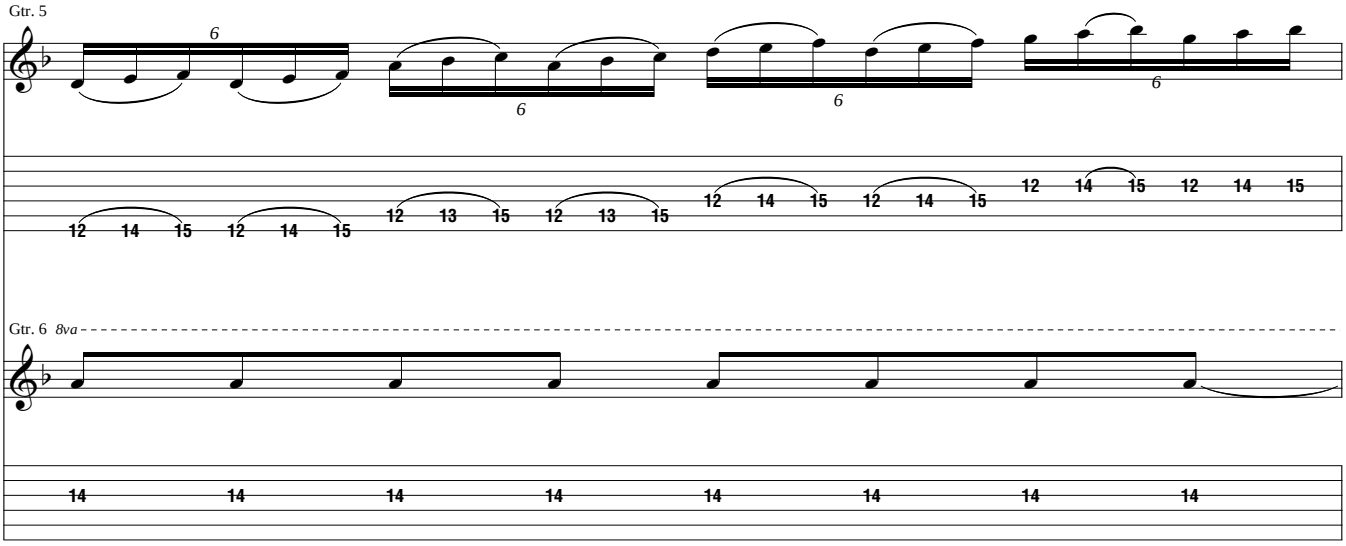
Gtrs. 1 & 2: w/ Rhy. Fig. 5

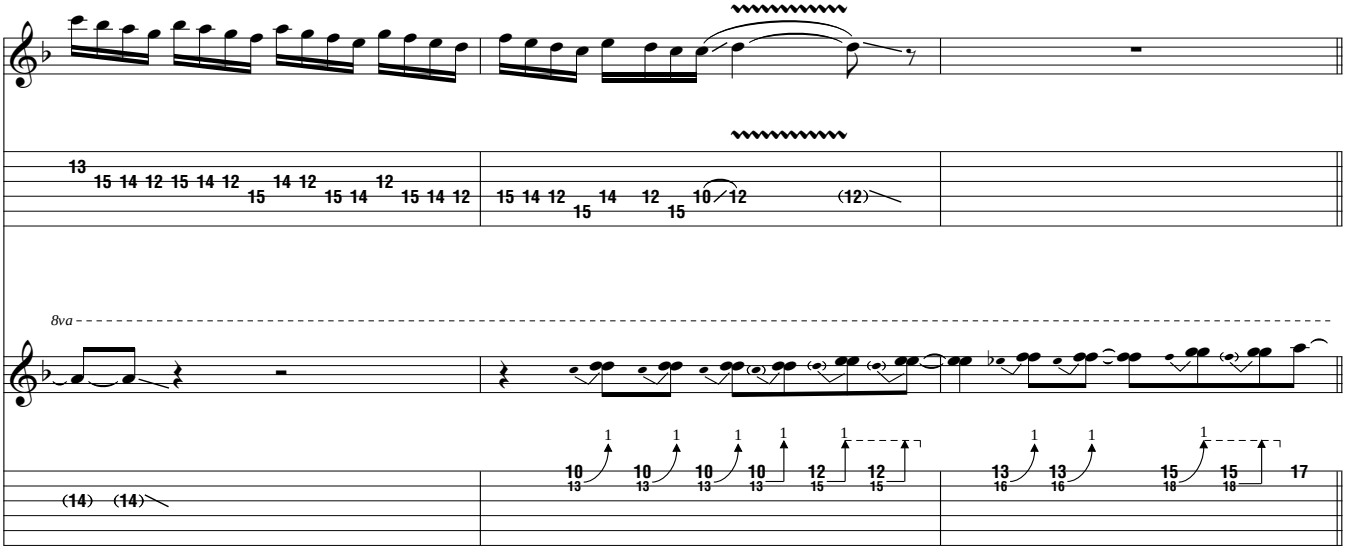
C5 G/B B♭5




A5




F5 E5 D5 Gtr. 5 tacet



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**Interlude**

Gtrs. 1, 2 & 6 tacet

B♭ C Dm B♭ C Dm

Gtr. 6 *8va*

(17)

Gtr. 4

Gtr. 3

Gtrs. 1 & 2

B♭ C Dm B♭ C Dm

Gtr. 4

Gtr. 3



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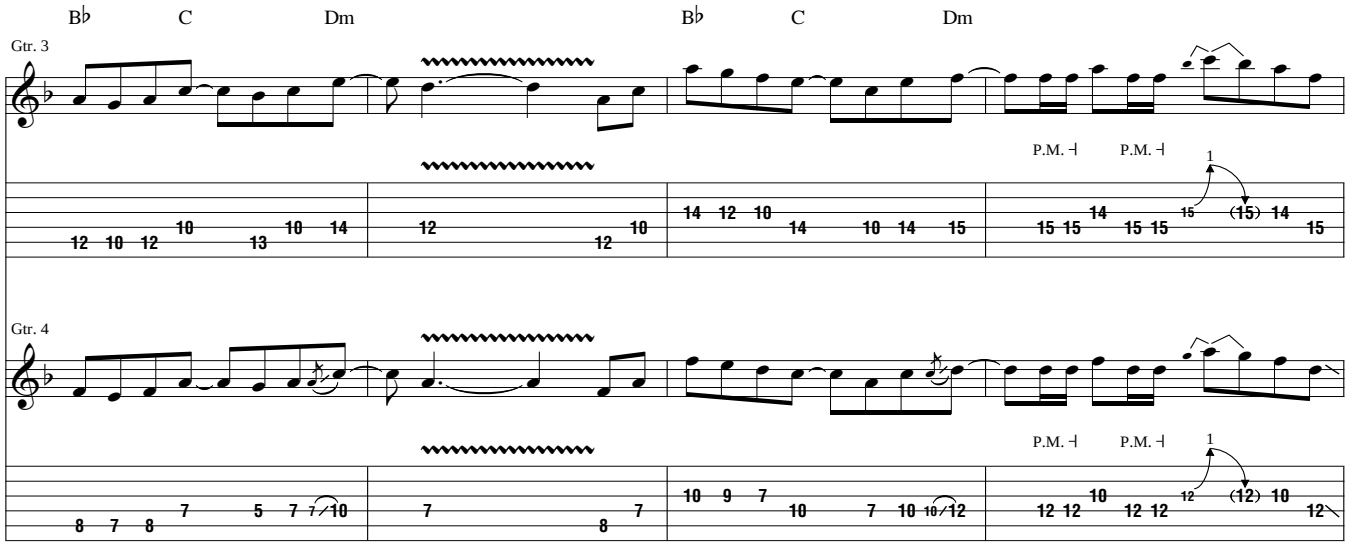


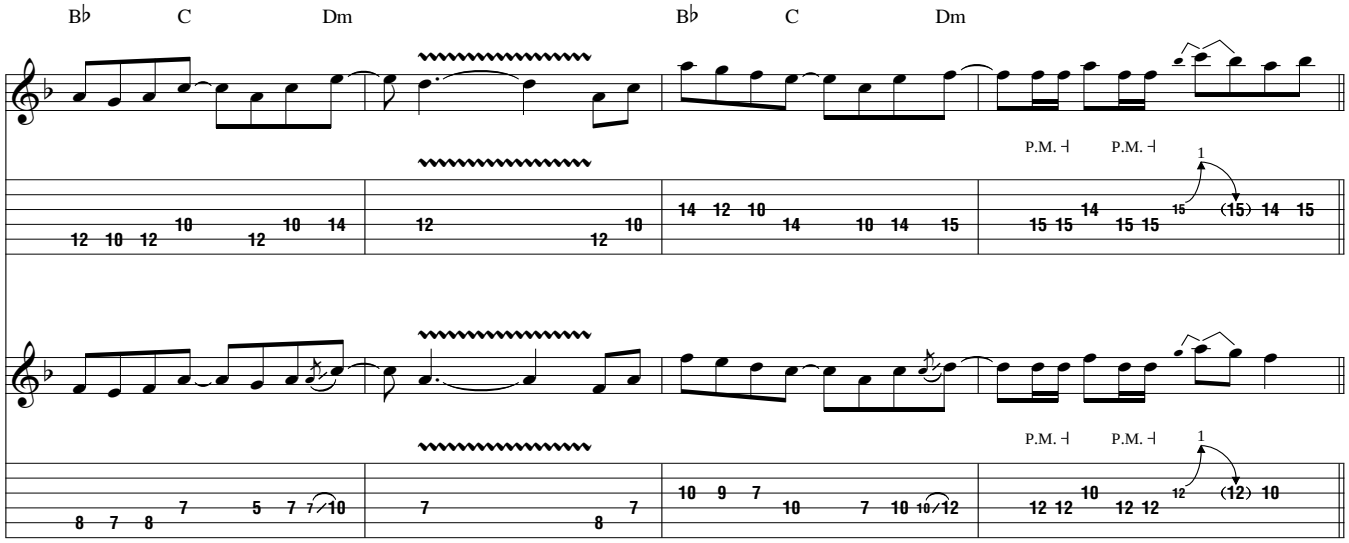


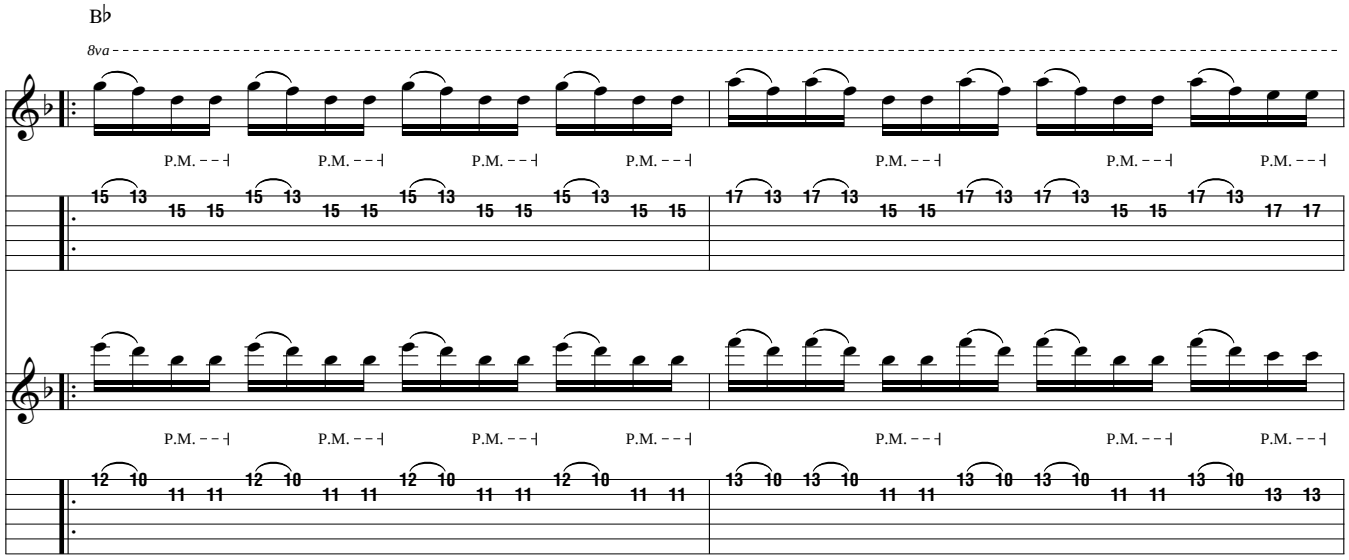




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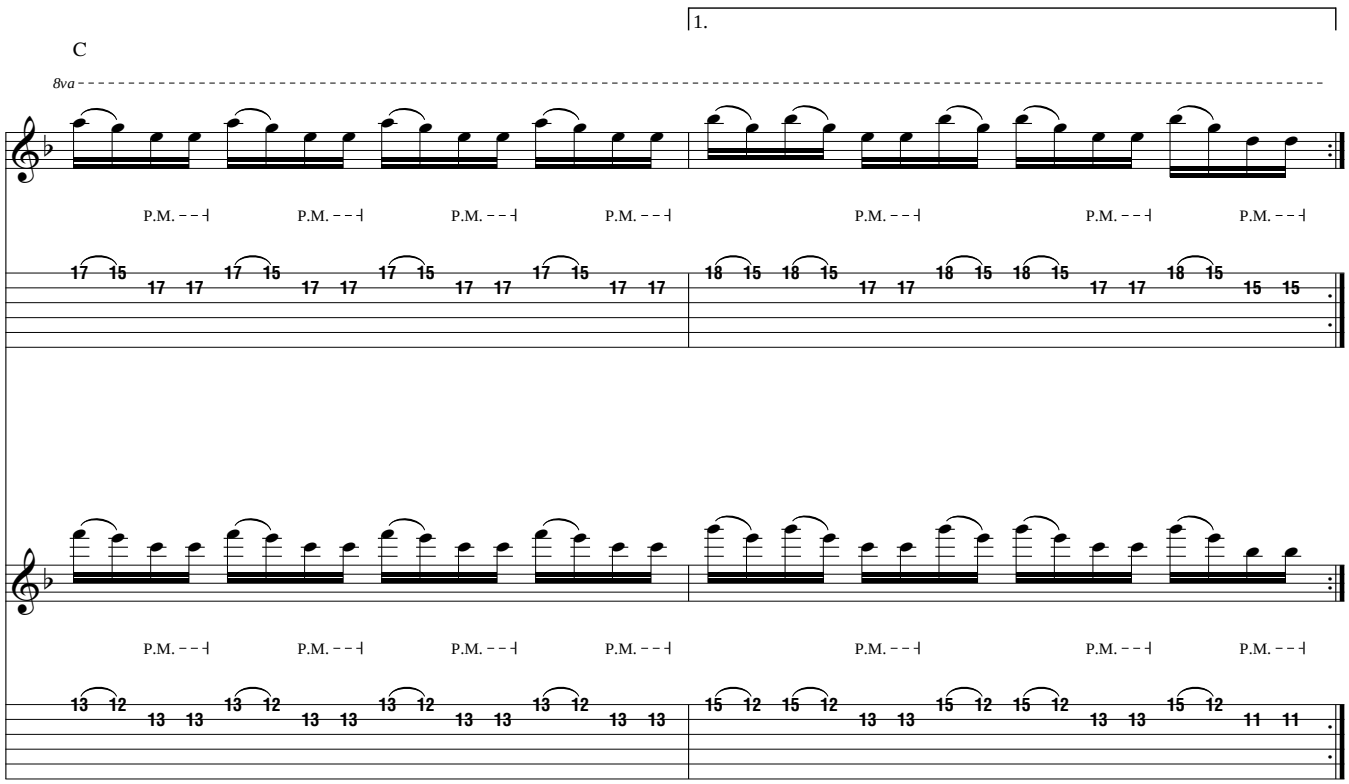


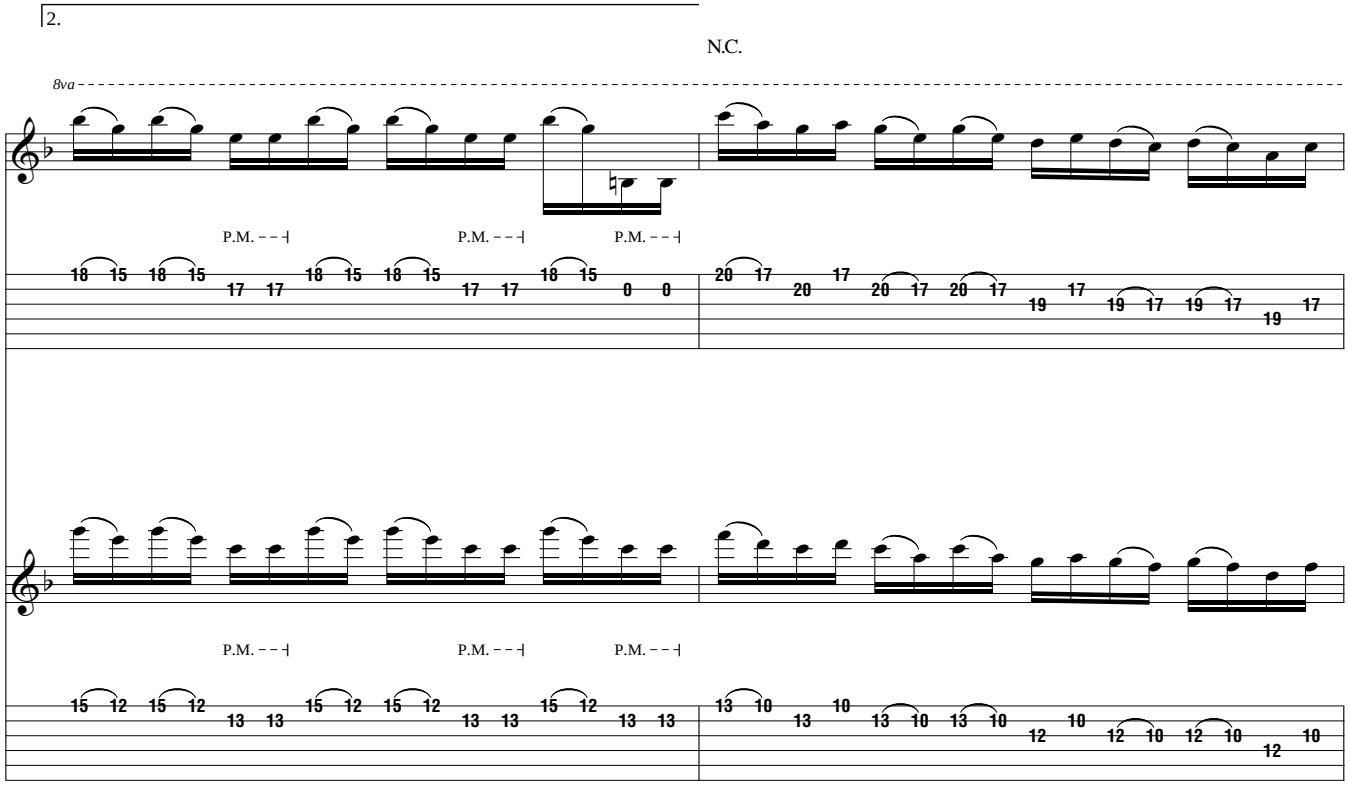




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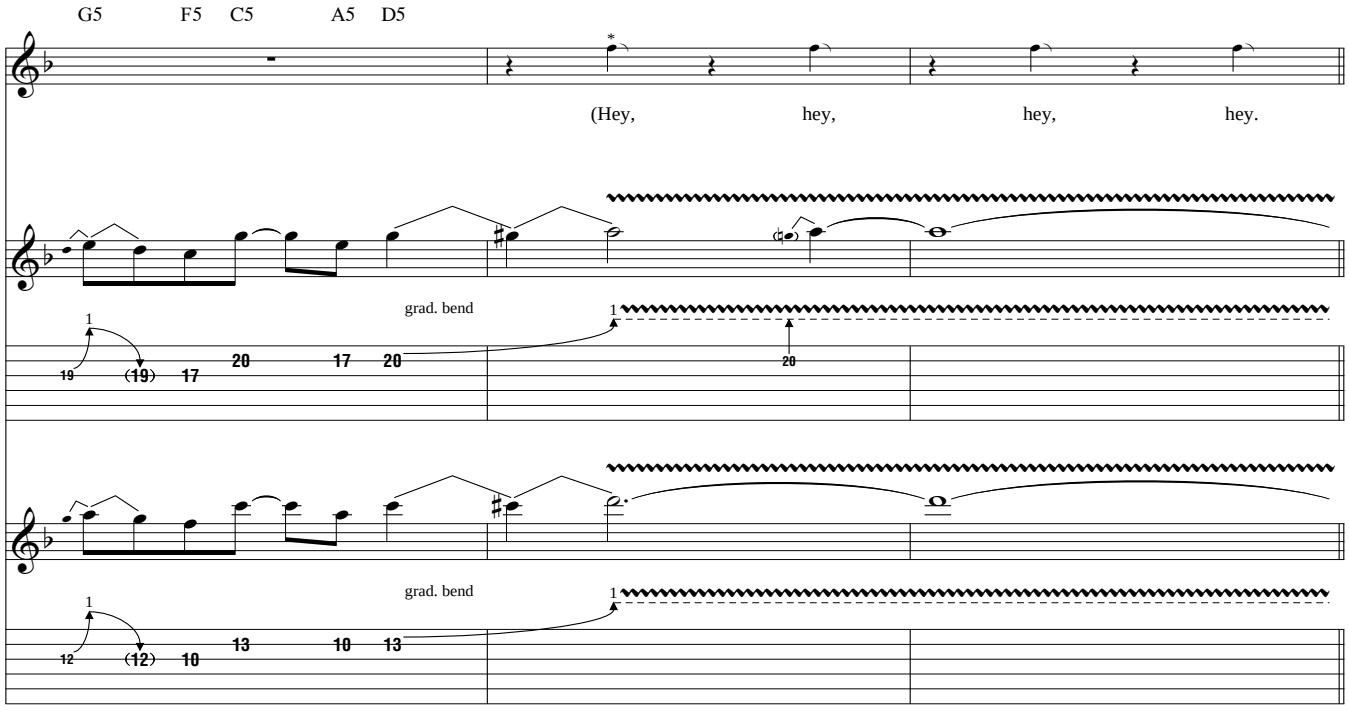
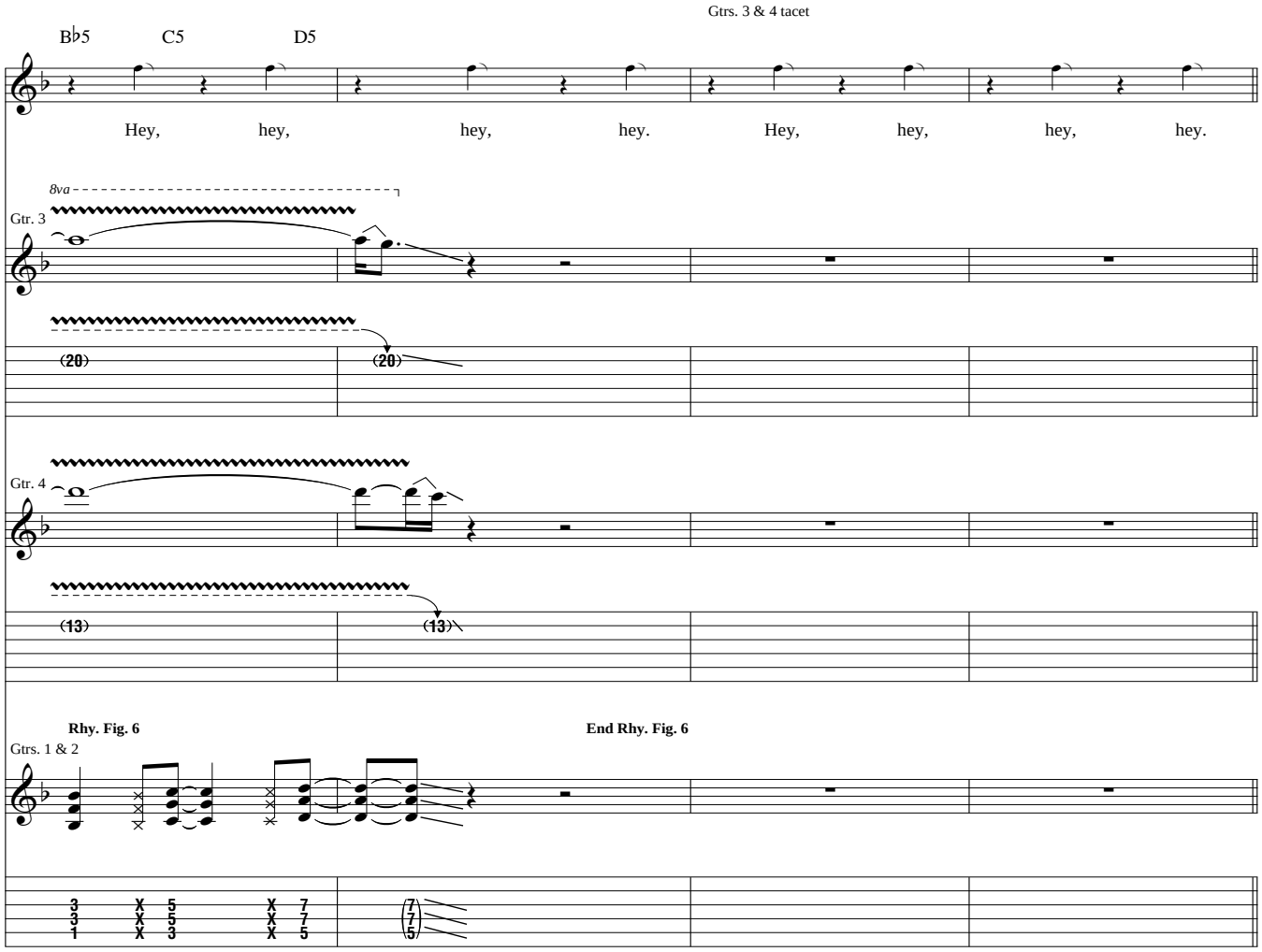



*Gang vocs., next 15 meas.

**Interlude**



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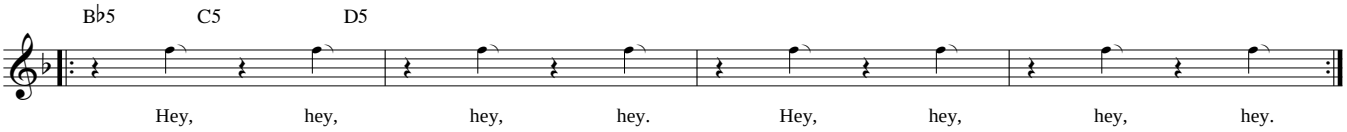
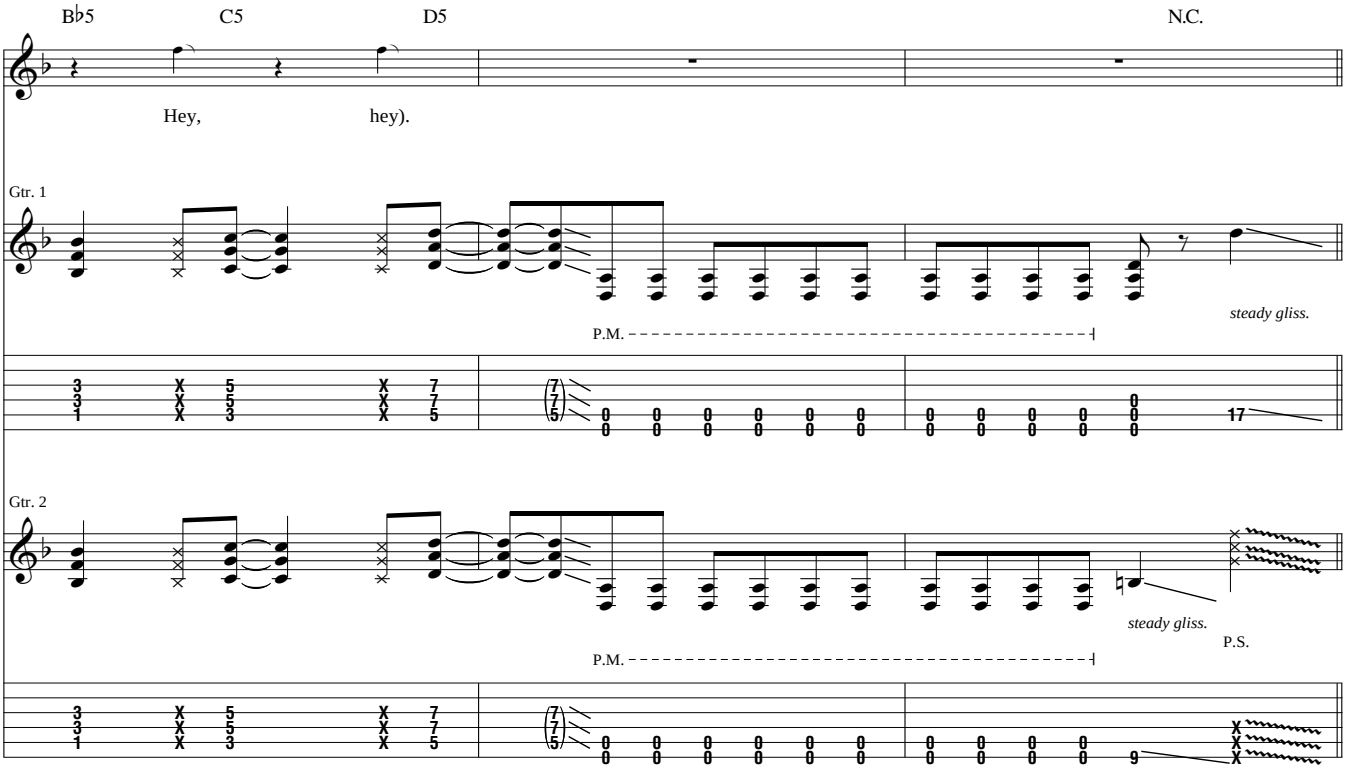
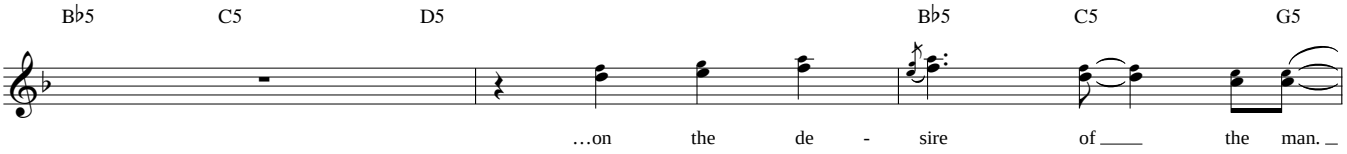
Gtrs. 1 & 2: w/ Rhy. Fig. 6

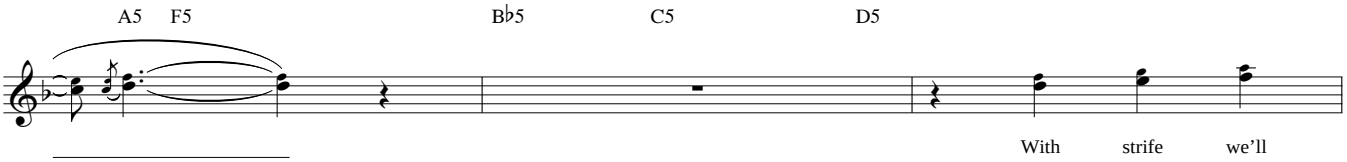



**Outro-Chorus**

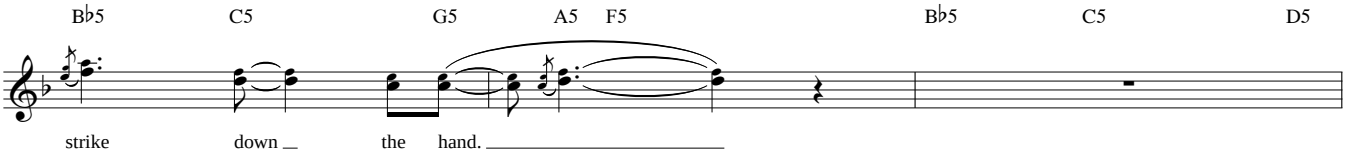
Bkgd. Voc.: w/ Voc. Fig. 1 (1st 8 meas.)
Gtrs. 1 & 2: w/ Rhy. Fig. 3 (5 1/4 times)




**Half-time feel**

Bkgd. Voc.: w/ Voc. Fig. 1



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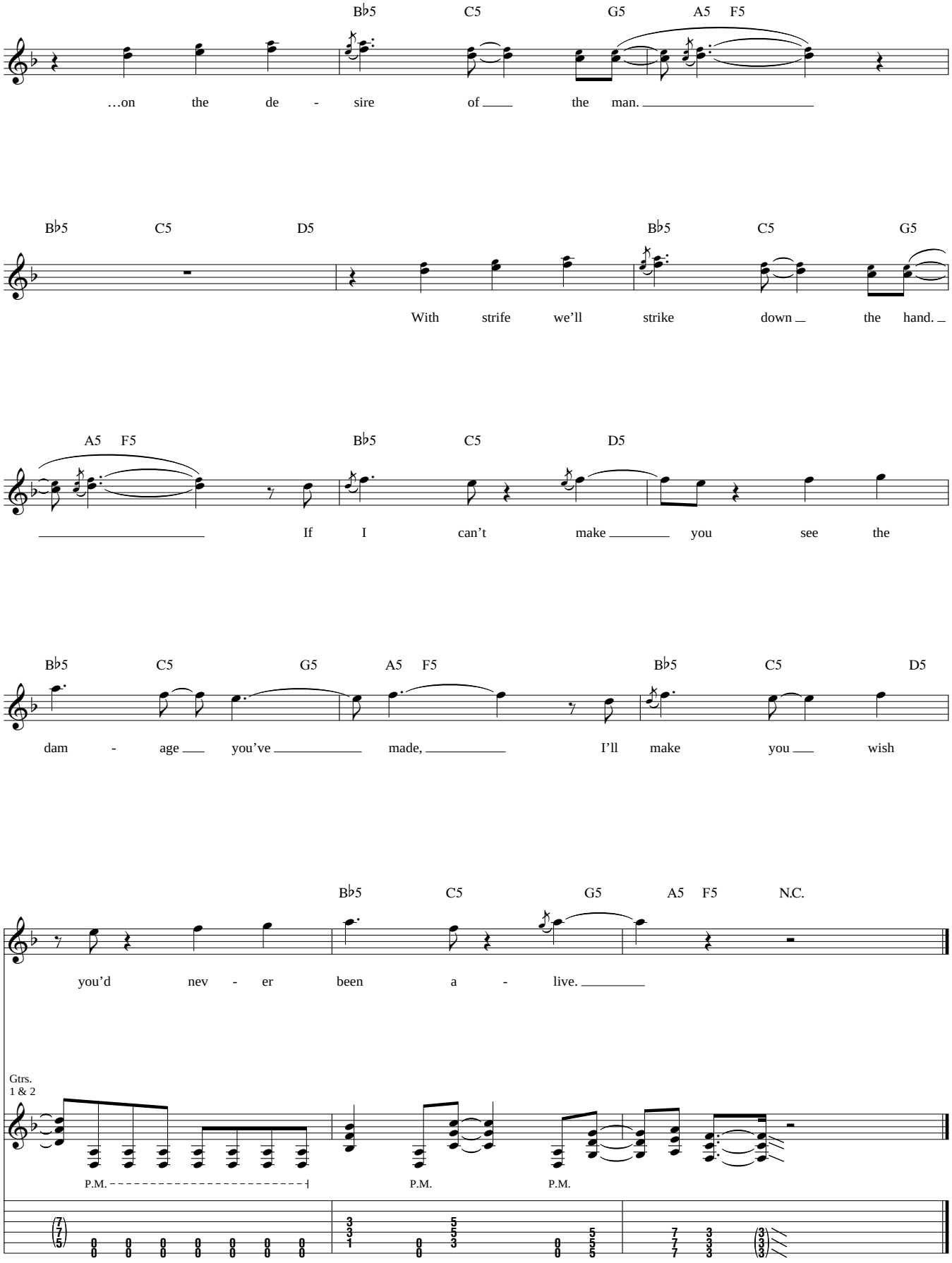




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